

Other Comments:

I am concerned about any attempt to require the addition of unnecessary hardware/software to consumer devices. This includes the modifications necessary to implement the broadcast flag.

I am a practicing engineer. I know first hand that unnecessary complexity is usually detrimental to the operation of a device. It adds costs, degrades performance, and reduces reliability.

I understand that piracy of intellectual property is a major problem. However, the costs to control it should not be levied indiscriminately upon everyone. Not everybody listens to recorded music, and not everyone steals it. The recording industry should be required to come up with a better solution than forcing everyone to pay for hardware/software that doesn't serve the consumer.

I'm also concerned with the impact of requiring the broadcast flag on innovation. What new devices and approaches will not be available because of the ruling, even though the ruling may be entirely tangential to the actual device?

I feel that the recording industry's push to implement a broadcast flag is wrong and ask that you eliminate/mitigate it as much as possible.

Thank-you.